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FORWARD,
COMRADES!
CONQUER... FOR
THE GLORY OF MY
HOME WORLD,
KRYPTON!

Featuring "The
**CIVIL WAR
OF THE
LEGION!**"

SUPERBOY GOT THOSE OTHER
LEGIONNAIRES TO JOIN HIM IN
THIS WAR AGAINST US!
STAR BOY! BRAINIAC 5!
PREPARE TO OPEN FIRE! OUR
NEW WEAPONS WILL
SURPRISE THEM!



TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

THE MEMBERS OF THE
LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES HAVE GONE ON
MANY HEROIC MISSIONS...
BUT NEVER ON SUCH A
DARING ONE AS THEY NOW
UNDERTAKE! THROUGH
SPACE AND TIME THE
LEGIONNAIRES VENTURE
TO SOLVE A COSMIC
MYSTERY, AND, TRAGIC-
ALLY, THEY FIND THEM-
SELVES BATTLING
EACH OTHER, AS
THEY TAKE PART IN

The **WAR**
Between
KRYPTON
and
EARTH!

**PART
I**

WE DO SIDE WITH THE
KRYPTONIANS... EVEN THOUGH
IT MEANS BATTLING OUR
FELLOW-LEGIONNAIRES!

I WARN YOU, **SUPERBOY...**
YOU'LL HAVE TO FIGHT
US IF YOU SIDE WITH
THE **KRYPTONIANS**
IN THIS WAR!

BRAINIAC 5
CHAMELEON
BOY
COLOSSAL
BOY
ELEMENT LAD
LIGHT LASS
LIGHTNING
LAD
MON-EL
PHANTOM
GIRL
SATURN GIRL
STAR BOY
SUPERBOY
TRIPPLICATE
GIRL

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ONE DAY, WHEN **SUPERBOY** VISITS THE CLUBHOUSE OF THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES**, IN THE 30TH CENTURY...

YOU MEAN YOU'RE THE ONLY LEGIONNAIRE HERE, **TRIPPLICATE GIRL**? WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?

SEVERAL ARE WITH **MON-EL** ON A DISTANT SPACE-MISSION! THE REST ARE WORKING ON AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT! I'LL TAKE YOU TO THEM!



ON A LITTLE ISLAND IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, **PHANTOM GIRL** HAS USED HER UNIQUE POWER OF WALKING THROUGH SOLID MATTER TO MAKE A DISCOVERY!

DEEP IN THIS ROCK IS BURIED A METAL TABLET, WITH STRANGE WRITING INSCRIBED ON IT! **SUPERBOY** CAN GET IT EASILY, NOW THAT HE'S HERE!

I'LL MAKE IT EVEN EASIER FOR YOU, **SUPERBOY**!



AND **LIGHT LASS** UTILIZES HER SUPER-POWER OF MAKING ANY OBJECT SUPER-LIGHT!

THANKS, **LIGHT LASS**... BUT ... WHO MADE THAT STRANGE TABLET? IT'S IN ROCK STRATA FORMED EONS BEFORE MY OWN 20TH-CENTURY TIME!

WE'LL GET IT OUT OF THERE FOR STUDY, AND THEN YOU CAN PUT THE ROCK MASS DOWN AGAIN!



THEN, FOR **SUPERBOY**, THERE IS A STAGGERING SURPRISE!

WHY, IT'S IN THE LANGUAGE OF **KRYPTON**, MY NATIVE WORLD! IT READS, "WE OF **KRYPTON** SET UP THIS TABLET TO COMMEMORATE OUR WAR AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF EARTH..."

BUT... I DIDN'T KNOW THAT, LONG AGO, THE PEOPLE OF **KRYPTON** INVADDED EARTH!



NEITHER DID I! THERE'S NO RECORD OF THIS IN THE HISTORY OF **KRYPTON**! MAYBE THE TABLET IS A CLEVER FAKE!

WE CAN SOON FIND OUT AT THE CLUBHOUSE... **RADIO-CARBON** TECHNIQUE ENABLES PAST OBJECTS TO BE DATED UNERRINGLY!



LATER, AFTER A MACHINE OPERATED BY **BRAINIAC 5** HAS ANALYZED THE TABLET...

THERE'S NO DOUBT... **RADIO-CARBON** TESTING SHOWS THIS TABLET WAS MADE AND INSCRIBED **MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO**!

THEN... THERE'S A CHAPTER IN **KRYPTON'S** HISTORY, OF WAR WITH EARTH, THAT'S BEEN UNKNOWN TILL NOW! I'M GOING BACK THROUGH TIME AND SOLVE THIS MYSTERY!



WAIT, **SUPERBOY!** YOU MAY NEED HELP TO SOLVE IT! WE AVAILABLE LEGIONNAIRES COULD GO BACK INTO THE PAST WITH YOU, IN OUR TIME-GLOBES!

I'LL CALL A VOTE ON THE QUESTION!

THE LEGION MAKES A FATEFUL DECISION...

		SHALL WE GO BACK TO INVESTIGATE THE WAR OF KRYPTON AND EARTH?		
YES	ABSENT		YES	YES
			YES	

THE VOTE IS UNANIMOUS! WE'LL GO IN TWO TIME-GLOBES... ONE TO ANCIENT **KRYPTON**, THE OTHER TO ANCIENT EARTH, TO INVESTIGATE THIS COSMIC MYSTERY!

I'LL STAY HERE IN CASE ANY EMERGENCIES ARISE! WHEN **MON-EL** RETURNS, I'LL SEND HIM THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER AFTER YOU!

THE TWO TIME-GLOBES START FORTH ON THE MOST MOMENTOUS MISSION THE LEGION HAS YET UNDERTAKEN!

BRAINIAC 5 COMMANDS THE OTHER TIME-GLOBE, WHICH WILL GO TO EARTH!

AND WE'LL GO TO ANCIENT **KRYPTON!** I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THERE EVER WAS WAR BETWEEN **KRYPTON** AND EARTH!

BACK THROUGH TIME AND SPACE SPEEDS THE GLOBE COMMANDED BY SATURN GIRL!

BESIDES YOU AND ME, WE HAVE **COLOSSAL BOY**, **LIGHTNING LAD**, AND **ELEMENT LAD**... TOGETHER, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PENETRATE THE MYSTERY!

WE'LL COME OUT OF THE TIME-DIMENSION ANY MOMENT! AND UNDER THE RED SUN OF **KRYPTON**, I'LL HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS!

WHEN THE TIME-GLOBE EMERGES FROM THE TIME-DIMENSION, IN THE REMOTE PAST, AN AWESOME SIGHT GREETED THE **SUPER-HEROES!**

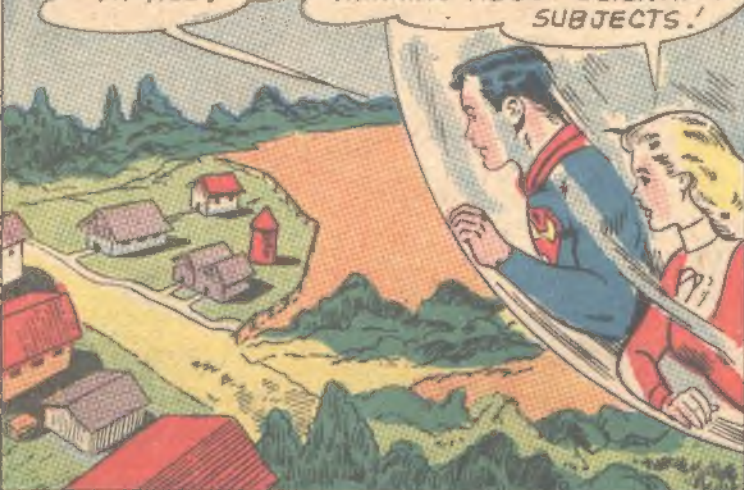
KRYPTON... AS IT WAS MILLIONS OF YEARS IN THE PAST! BUT... I SEE NO SCIENTIFIC WORKS, NO GREAT CITIES... NOTHING BUT A FEW SMALL TOWNS! I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT!

WE'LL GO CLOSER AND EXAMINE ONE OF THOSE TOWNS!

WHEN THE LEGIONNAIRES APPROACH A TINY COMMUNITY...

THE **KRYPTONIANS** OF THIS AGE COULD NEVER GO TO EARTH... THEY HAVE NO MACHINES AT ALL!

THIS DEEPENS THE WHOLE MYSTERY! WAIT... I'LL USE MY TELEPATHIC POWER TO SENSE IF **ANYBODY ON KRYPTON** IS THINKING ABOUT SCIENTIFIC SUBJECTS!



AND AS **SATURN GIRL** USES HER TELEPATHIC SENSE...

I'M GETTING THOUGHTS, FROM NORTH OF HERE... SOMEONE THERE IS THINKING OF **NUCLEAR POWER!**

IMPOSSIBLE! THESE **KRYPTONIANS** DON'T EVEN HAVE **STEAM ENGINES!** STILL, WE'LL FOLLOW YOUR TELEPATHIC CLUE NORTHWARD!



SATURN GIRL'S POWER LEADS THEM TOWARD ONE OF THE GREAT NATURAL WONDERS OF KRYPTON!

THESE ARE THE **JEWEL MOUNTAINS**... BUT WHY WOULD SCIENTIFIC WORKERS HIDE IN THIS ISOLATED VALLEY?

I SEE PEOPLE COMING... WE'LL FIND OUT! YOU'VE TAUGHT US ALL THE LANGUAGE OF **KRYPTON**, SO WE CAN TALK TO THEM!



BUT THE LEGIONNAIRES GET A SURPRISING RECEPTION...

SO YOU'VE HUNTED US DOWN, TO PERSECUTE US FURTHER! BUT I, **ZAT-EL**, TELL YOU WE WON'T GIVE UP OUR WORK... WE'LL FIGHT FIRST!

HOLD ON! WE'RE NOT HERE TO BOTHER YOU!

ZAT-EL? MY FAMILY HERE ON **KRYPTON** WAS THE **HOUSE OF EL**... THIS MAN MAY BE A REMOTE ANCESTOR OF MINE... OR AT LEAST A RELATIVE!



DON'T PRETEND TO BE OUR FRIENDS... WHEN EVERYBODY ON **KRYPTON** HATES US BECAUSE WE'RE SCIENTISTS!

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND... WE'RE **NOT** OF **KRYPTON**, THOUGH I HAD **KRYPTONIAN** ANCESTORS! WE'RE FROM ANOTHER WORLD!



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FROM ANOTHER WORLD? THEN MAYBE YOU COULD HELP US! YOU SEE... MOST OF THE PEOPLE OF **KRYPTON** ARE FANATICALLY ANTI-SCIENTIFIC! THAT'S WHY WE HAD TO HIDE OUR PROJECT HERE IN THE **JEWEL MOUNTAINS**!

BUT... WHY ARE THE **KRYPTONIANS** AGAINST SCIENCE?

SCIENCE WAS JUST BEGINNING TO MATURE ON OUR WORLD, WHEN A NUCLEAR DISASTER WRECKED A WHOLE TOWN AND KILLED THOUSANDS! SINCE THEN, THE GOVERNMENT HAS FORBIDDEN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH!

HMM... OLD **KRYPTONIAN** LEGEND SPEAKS OF THIS TIME... WHEN SCIENCE WAS OUTLAWED... THOUGH LATER ON, THINGS CHANGED AND **KRYPTON** BECAME A SUPER-SCIENTIFIC WORLD!

BUT IF YOU DON'T FEEL THAT FANATIC HATRED OF SCIENCE, MAYBE YOU CAN HELP US!

SHOW US YOUR PROJECT, AND WE'LL DO ALL IN OUR POWER! MY NAME IS **KAL-EL**... PERHAPS I'M A... ER... DISTANT RELATIVE OF YOURS, **ZAT-EL**!

THE EARLY-DAY **KRYPTONIAN** SCIENTISTS HAVE PLANNED A DARING PROJECT!

WE HAVE RESOLVED TO LEAVE ANTI-SCIENTIFIC **KRYPTON** AND ESTABLISH A NEW CIVILIZATION ON ANOTHER PLANET... **EARTH**! WE'RE BUILDING A **SPACE ARK**, BUT OUR PROGRESS IS VERY SLOW!

WE CAN HELP YOU... MY COMRADES HAVE GREAT POWERS!

AND WHEN THE **SUPER-HEROES** BRING THEIR POWERS INTO ACTION, PROGRESS ON THE **SPACE ARK** IS SWIFT!

ELEMENT LAD, WHO CAN CHANGE ONE ELEMENT INTO ANOTHER, IS CONVERTING PLATES OF ROCK INTO TOUGH METAL... AND **LIGHTNING LAD**, WHO HAS THE POWER TO HURL SUPER-LIGHTNING, IS USING HIS BOLTS TO WELD THE PLATES ON FAST!

IT'S TRULY WONDERFUL! BUT REMEMBER... WE WANT TO TAKE TO EARTH PLANTS AND ANIMALS... EVEN THE GREAT, TAME LIZARDS OF **KRYPTON**... AS WELL AS OUR PEOPLE!

COLOSSAL BOY, USING HIS SUPER-POWER OF MAKING HIMSELF HUGE, IS ALREADY ENGAGED IN COLLECTING THE MIGHTY BEASTS...



THESE GREAT LIZARDS OF KRYPTON LOOK JUST LIKE THE ANCIENT DINOSAURS OF EARTH...YET, TO THE KRYPTONIANS, THEY'RE **TAME!** THEY'RE SHY OF ME, BUT I'M BIG ENOUGH TO ROUND THEM UP! THINK OF IT...WE'LL BE TAKING THE FIRST DINOSAURS TO EARTH!

IRONICALLY, THE MIGHTY BOY OF STEEL IS NOW THE WEAKEST OF THE LEGIONNAIRES!

TOO BAD YOU HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS LIKE YOUR COMRADES HAVE, **KAL-EL!** THEN THIS WORK MIGHT BE EASIER FOR YOU!

YOU'RE...PUFF!...RIGHT!

BUT WHAT A SURPRISE **ZAT-EL** WILL GET WHEN WE REACH EARTH AND ALL WE KRYPTONIANS GAIN SUPER-POWERS UNDER EARTH'S YELLOW SUN!



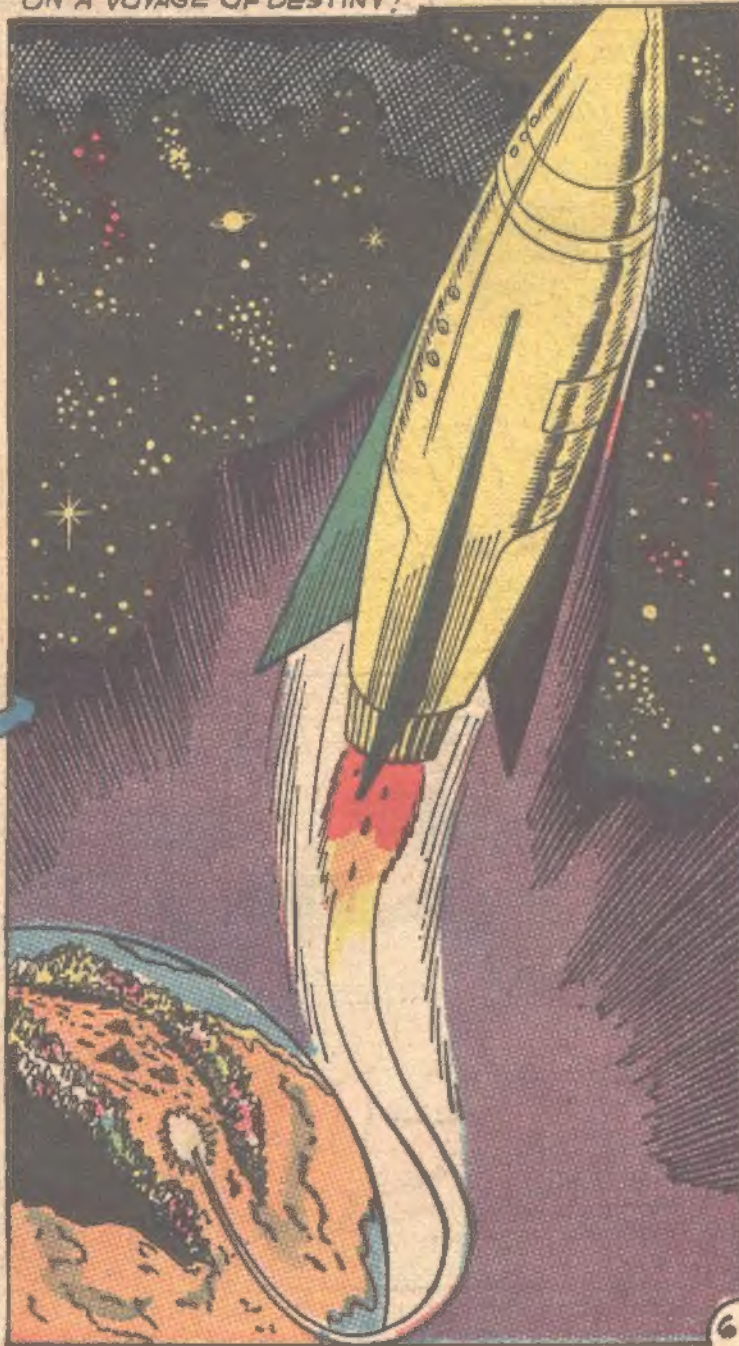
SOON COMES THE DAY WHEN KRYPTONIAN COLONISTS BOARD THEIR HUGE SPACE ARK...

AT LAST WE'RE GOING TO LEAVE ANTI-SCIENTIFIC **KRYPTON** AND COLONIZE OUR OWN WORLD! EVERYONE ABOARD...THE TAME BEASTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN LOADED!

AND OUR TIME - GLOBE IS INSIDE THE ARK, TOO! LET'S GO!



AND SO THE MIGHTY VESSEL TAKES OFF FROM KRYPTON ON A VOYAGE OF DESTINY!



BUT WHEN THE SPACE ARK APPROACHES EARTH, SUPERBOY AND HIS COMRADES GET A TERRIFIC SURPRISE!

LOOK... IN THIS TIME, MILLIONS OF YEARS IN THE PAST, EARTH'S SUN IS RED, NOT YELLOW! OF COURSE! YOUNG SUNS ARE OFTEN RED AND TURN YELLOW AS THEY GET OLDER!

BUT... THIS MEANS THAT ON EARTH, IN THIS AGE, I WON'T HAVE ANY SUPER-POWERS! NEITHER WILL THE OTHER KRYPTONIANS, NOR THEIR ANIMALS!



AFTER THE SPACE ARK HAS LANDED... AND I WE'VE RAISED OUR FLAG... THE FLAG OF OUR HOME WORLD, KRYPTON! **HEREBY READ ALOUD OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE FROM KRYPTON!**



UPON THIS EARTH OF THE PAST, A GREAT HISTORICAL DOCUMENT IS READ!

"WE MEN AND WOMEN OF KRYPTON, DESIRING A NEW LIFE IN WHICH OUR SCIENTIFIC WORK WILL NOT BE HATED AND PERSECUTED, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT OUR NEW WORLD, EARTH, IS FOREVER INDEPENDENT FROM KRYPTON, AND..."



PRESENTLY, THE LEGIONNAIRES SET OUT TO SCOUT THE UNKNOWN EARTH OF THE PAST!

BY MEANS OF OUR FLYING RINGS, WE CAN QUICKLY FIND THE BEST LOCATION FOR YOUR COLONY, ZAT-EL!

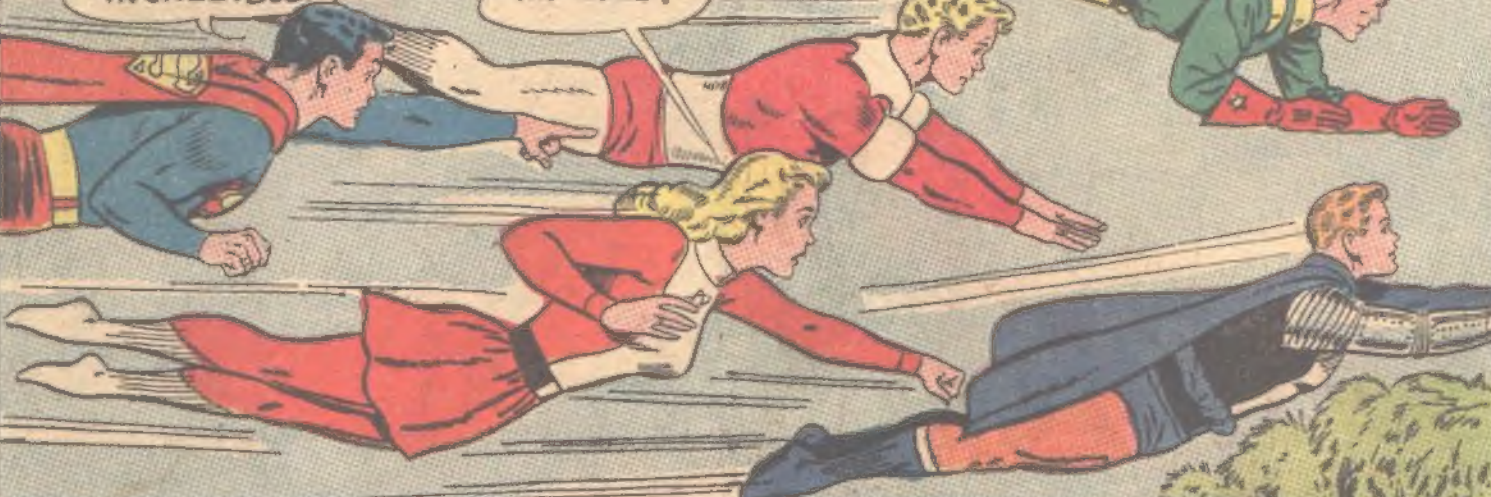
I BROUGHT A FLYING RING, FIGURING I'D NEED IT ON KRYPTON, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO USE IT ON EARTH!



BUT SOON, THE SCOUTING PARTY GETS AN AMAZING SHOCK!

LOOK THERE, AHEAD... IT'S INCREDIBLE!

I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES!



WHAT DO THEY BEHOLD? FOR THE ANSWER, LET'S GO BACK A LITTLE AND FOLLOW THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRE TIME-GLOBE, COMMANDED BY BRAINIAC 5...

...WHO HAD WITH HIM **STAR BOY, LIGHT LASS, PHANTOM GIRL AND CHAMELEON BOY!** WHEN THEY REACHED THE EARTH OF THE FAR PAST, THEY FOUND...

LOOK, **BRAINIAC 5**... A MIGHTY CITY IS BEING BUILT HERE ON EARTH! IT LOOKS LIKE A GREAT CIVILIZATION!

BUT THERE WERE NOT YET ANY MEN ON EARTH IN THIS AGE! **WHO IS BUILDING THAT CITY?**

AS THEY APPROACH THE MYSTERY CITY, THEY MEET ONE OF ITS PEOPLE!

WHO ARE YOU STRANGERS? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?

I CAN UNDERSTAND HER! SHE SPEAKS ONE OF THE MANY STAR-LANGUAGES WE LEGIONNAIRES ALL LEARNED... THE LANGUAGE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STAR **VRUUN!**

OF COURSE! I, **LETA LAL**, AM FROM THAT STAR-SYSTEM... MY PEOPLE CAME HERE TO COLONIZE THE UNINHABITED EARTH! HERE WE ARE BUILDING OUR CITY IN THIS LAND WE CALL **ATLANTIS!** WE LOVE IT HERE, EXCEPT THAT THE AIR IS A LITTLE IRRITATING!

THEN THIS IS THE ORIGIN OF **ATLANTIS**... IT'S BEING BUILT BY COLONISTS FROM **VRUUN!**

THE LEGIONNAIRES USE THEIR MIGHTY POWER TO HELP IN THE BUILDING OF **ATLANTIS**...

PHANTOM GIRL HAS FOUND THE FINEST MARBLE BY WALKING THROUGH THE SOLID ROCK... I'LL MAKE THE STONES LIGHT SO YOU CAN CARRY THEM, **STAR BOY!**

MY POWER OF MAKING THINGS SUPER-HEAVY ISN'T MUCH USE HERE, I GUESS!

THE BUILDING OF GREAT ATLANTIS IS RAPIDLY COMPLETED!

WE OF **ATLANTIS** THANK YOU COUGH! FOR YOUR HELP!

WE'RE GLAD TO HELP YOU WITH OUR POWERS!

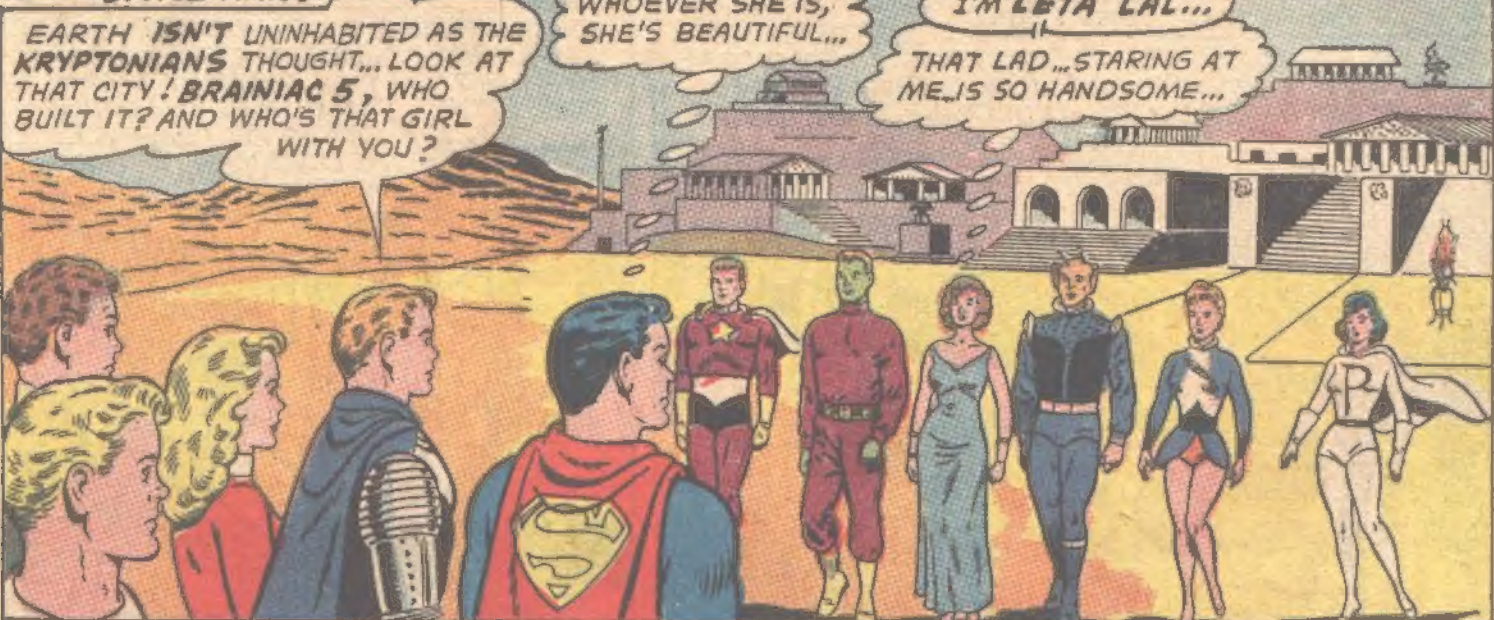
AND I'M ALSO GLAD WE FOUND NO WAR HERE AS WE EXPECTED!

BRAINIAC 5! I RECONNOITERED AS YOU DIRECTED... AND I JUST SAW A GREAT SPACE-SHIP LANDING NEAR HERE!





AND IT IS A VIEW OF MIGHTY ATLANTIS THAT STAGGERS THE LEGIONNAIRES WHO CAME FROM KRYPTON IN THE SPACE ARK!



WHILE **BRAINIAC 5** EXPLAINS TO THE OTHERS, TWO STRANGERS FROM DIFFERENT WORLDS AND ERAS ARE MUTUALLY ATTRACTED!



BUT SUDDENLY, VOICES RISE IN ARGUMENT!



IF THE **KRYPTONIANS** DON'T LEAVE, THERE SURELY WILL BE A WAR... THE **ATLANTEANS** WERE ON THIS WORLD FIRST, AND WILL FIGHT FOR IT! AND WE, THEIR LEGIONNAIRE FRIENDS, WILL FIGHT ALONGSIDE THEM!



AND SO THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES** IS RIVEN BY CONFLICTING LOYALTIES!



TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

UPON THE EARTH OF THE REMOTE PAST, WHERE THE RACE OF EARTHMEN HAS NOT EVEN EVOLVED YET, TWO PEOPLES FROM DISTANT WORLDS MEET IN A TREMENDOUS CONFLICT... AND PART OF THAT TITANIC STRUGGLE IS...

The CIVIL WAR of the LEGION!

PART II

FORWARD...WE MUST CONQUER THE CITY OF ATLANTIS!

STAR BOY...LIGHT LASS... LOOK! SUPERBOY IS BRINGING COLOSSAL BOY TO FIGHT US...WE HAVE TO STOP THEM!



IN ATLANTIS, JHOR LAL, THE LEADER, RALLIES HIS PEOPLE FOR WAR!

WE MUST PREPARE TO BATTLE THE KRYPTONIAN INVADERS! COUGH! BRING OUT ALL THE SHOCK-GUNS... THEY CAN STRIKE OUR ENEMIES SENSELESS WITHOUT KILLING THEM! OUR LEGIONNAIRE ALLIES WILL HELP US!

WE COULDN'T AID THEM IF THEY USED DEADLY WEAPONS...IT'S AGAINST OUR CODE!



AND IN THE KRYPTONIAN CAMP... WE DON'T WANT TO KILL THE

WE'LL HELP YOU IN THIS WAR, ZAT-EL, AS LONG AS YOU ONLY USE THOSE STUNNER-RAY PROJECTORS!

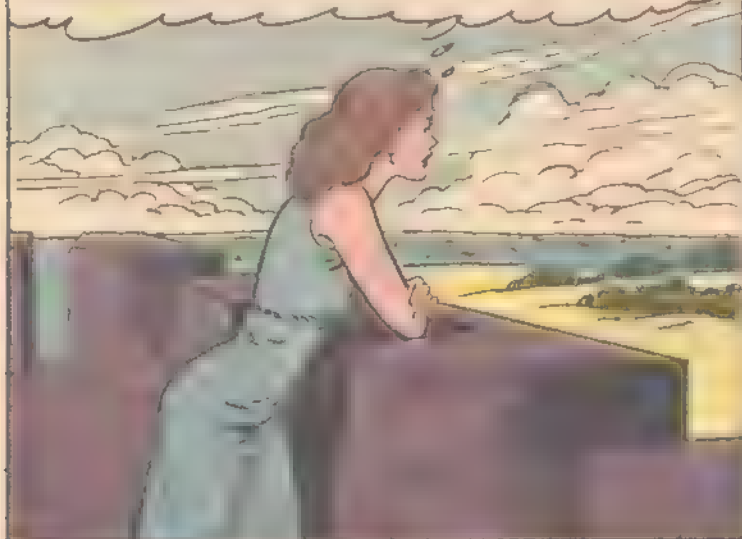
ATLANTEANS, JUST STUN AND DEFEAT THEM...TO SHOW THEM THAT THIS PLANET BELONGS TO US!





BUT THERE ARE TWO "ENEMIES" WHO HAVE NO HEART FOR THE COMING BATTLE! IN THE CITY OF ATLANTIS...

WHY DID IT HAVE TO HAPPEN THIS WAY? WHY DID SUPERBOY HAVE TO BE A FOE OF ATLANTIS?



MOMENTS LATER

SUPERBOY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WE'RE HOLDING OUR FINAL COUNCIL OF WAR BEFORE THE ATTACK!

ALL RIGHT... I WAS JUST THINKING... BUT I'LL COME...



IN THE KRYPTONIAN CAMP, THE BOY OF STEEL BROODS ON THE SAME HEARTBREAKING QUESTION!

I CAN'T LET THE KRYPTONIANS DOWN... THEY'RE MY OWN PEOPLE! YET HOW CAN I FIGHT AGAINST LETA LAL'S RACE?



AT THE COUNCIL...

THE ATLANTEANS WILL DEFEND THEIR CITY BY CANALS WHICH SURROUND IT, HOLDING THE BRIDGES AGAINST US! BUT THIS PORTABLE BRIDGE WILL ENABLE US TO SURPRISE THEM AT AN UNDEFENDED POINT! IT'S NOT QUITE FINISHED YET!

I'VE HEARD THEIR PLAN... I'D BETTER GET BACK AND WARN ATLANTIS!



ONCE IN THE FOREST, THE YOUNG "KRYPTONIAN" CHANGES TO THE LEADER OF THE LEGION'S ESPIONAGE SQUAD... CHAMELEON BOY!

MY SUPER-POWER OF ALTERING MY APPEARANCE FOOLED THEM, WHILE I SPIED ON THEM! IT'S LUCKY FOR ME SATURN GIRL DIDN'T READ MY MIND, OR SHE MIGHT HAVE CAUGHT ME!



WHEN CHAMELEON BOY CARRIES HIS WARNING BACK TO ATLANTIS...

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIND OUT SCIENTIFICALLY WHY EARTH AIR IRRITATES THE ATLANTEANS, MAKING THEM COUGH ALL THE TIME...

BRAINIAC 5! THERE'S NO TIME FOR SUCH RESEARCH NOW! THE KRYPTONIAN ATTACK WILL COME SOON AND WE HAVE TO HELP MEET IT!





MEANWHILE... SINCE YOU LEGIONNAIRES CAN FLY BY USING YOUR FLYING RINGS, YOU CAN ACT AS OUR SCOUTS! WE'LL MARCH AFTER YOU!

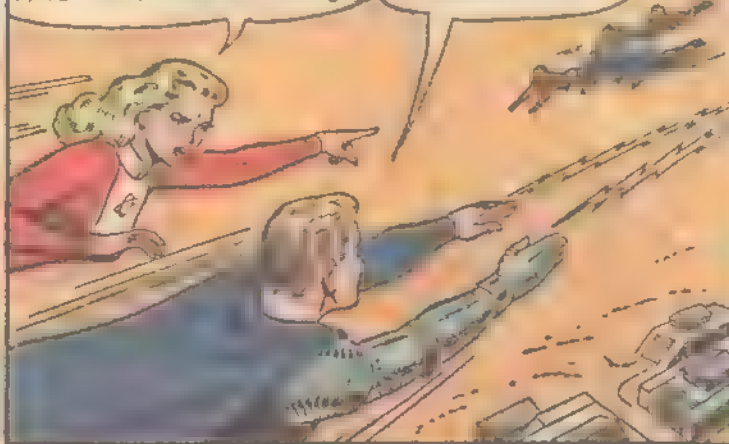
RIGHT! COLOSSAL BOY WILL STAY WITH YOU, FOR HIS SPECIAL MISSION!



ZOOMING AHEAD AS SCOUTS FOR THE TWO WARRING ENEMIES, LEGIONNAIRES FACE EACH OTHER IN BATTLE!

LIGHTNING LAD, I READ BRAINIAC 5'S PLAN TELEPATHICALLY... THEY'RE GOING TO FLY SUDDENLY TO OUR RIGHT AND GET BEHIND US!

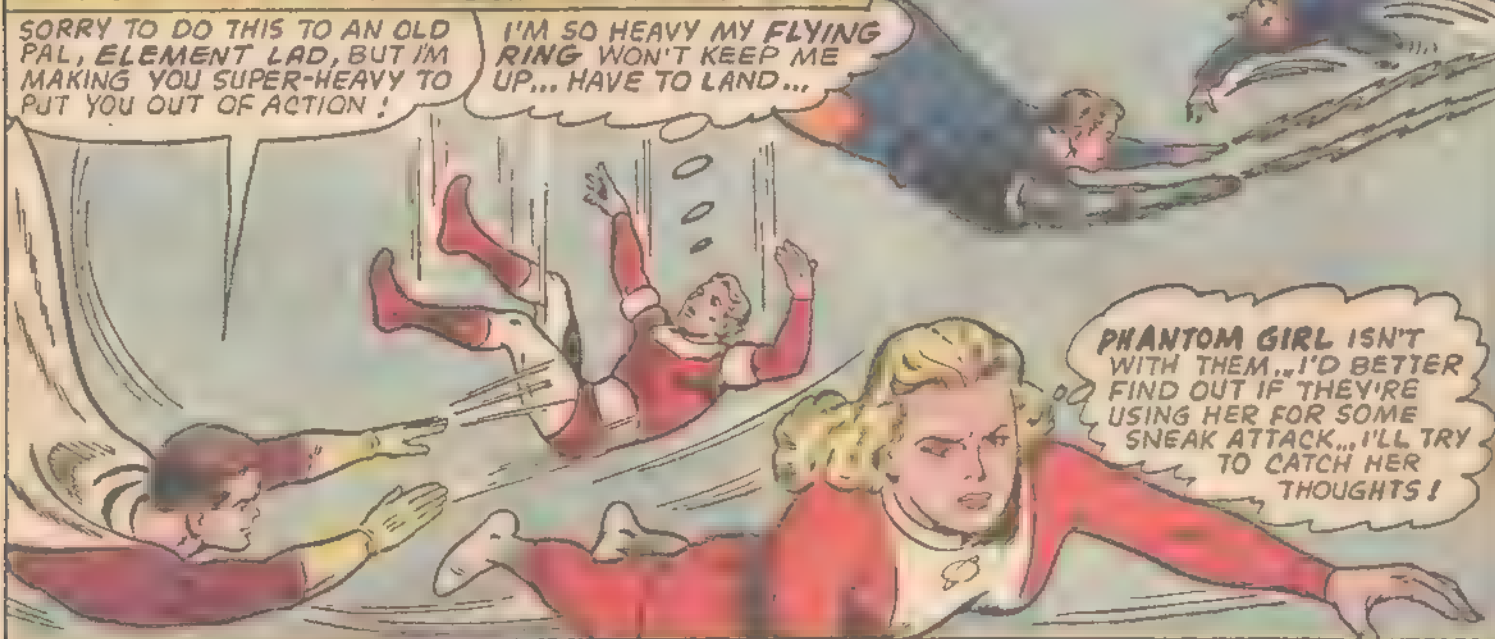
I'LL KEEP HURLING SUPER-LIGHTNING TOWARD THE RIGHT... IT WON'T HIT THEM, BUT WILL RUIN THEIR PLAN!



AND A CIVIL WAR WITHIN THE LEGION RAGES ACROSS THE SKY!

SORRY TO DO THIS TO AN OLD PAL, ELEMENT LAD, BUT I'M MAKING YOU SUPER-HEAVY TO PUT YOU OUT OF ACTION!

I'M SO HEAVY MY FLYING RING WON'T KEEP ME UP... HAVE TO LAND...

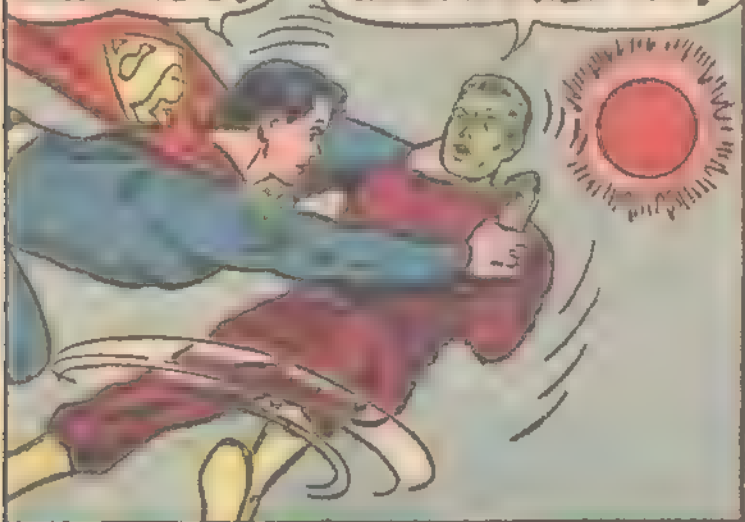


PHANTOM GIRL ISN'T WITH THEM... I'D BETTER FIND OUT IF THEY'RE USING HER FOR SOME SNEAK ATTACK... I'LL TRY TO CATCH HER THOUGHTS!

AND TWO SUPER-HEROES CLASH, NOT WITH SUPER-POWERS, BUT WITH NORMAL STRENGTH!

I'M TAKING YOU PRISONER, BRAINIAC 5!

TRY IT! YOU FORGET I'M AS STRONG AS YOU ARE, UNDER THIS RED SUN!



AS THE LEGION SCOUTS CLASH ABOVE, THE KRYPTONIAN ATTACKERS REACH ATLANTIS!

THEY CAN'T CROSS THE CANAL... USE YOUR SHOCK-GUNS TO KNOCK THEM OUT! FIGHT, MEN... FOR ATLANTIS!

PRESS FORWARD, MEN, FOR NEW KRYPTON! IN A MOMENT WE'LL HAVE A WAY TO CROSS THE CANAL!



COLOSSAL BOY, HAVING USED HIS SUPER-POWER OF BECOMING HUGE HAS BROUGHT THE PORTABLE BRIDGE...

NOW YOU CAN CROSS!



ON, MEN STORM ATLANTIS!

BUT LIGHT LASS INTERVENES WITH HER ASTOUNDING POWER! I'VE MADE THE BRIDGE SUPER-LIGHT, SO YOU CAN EASILY PULL IT AWAY!

THANKS, LIGHT LASS...WE'RE OVERTURNING IT! THE INVADERS WON'T GET INTO ATLANTIS THIS WAY!



MEANWHILE, SATURN GIRL, USING HER TELEPATHIC POWER, HAS SENSED A MENACE FAR BEHIND THE KRYPTONIANS!

QUICK...I'VE SENSED THAT PHANTOM GIRL GOT BEHIND OUR LIVES BY WALKING THROUGH SOLID EARTH, AND IS CREATING A DANGER FROM OUR REAR!

I'M WITH YOU! COME ON, LIGHTNING LAD!



BACK IN THE FOREST, PHANTOM GIRL IS USING HER STRANGE ABILITY TO WALK THROUGH SOLID MATTER!

BY RUNNING THROUGH THESE TAME DINOSAURS, I'M PANICKING THEM...THEY'LL STAMPEDE TOWARD THE KRYPTONIAN INVADERS FROM THE REAR AND BREAK UP THEIR ATTACK ON ATLANTIS!

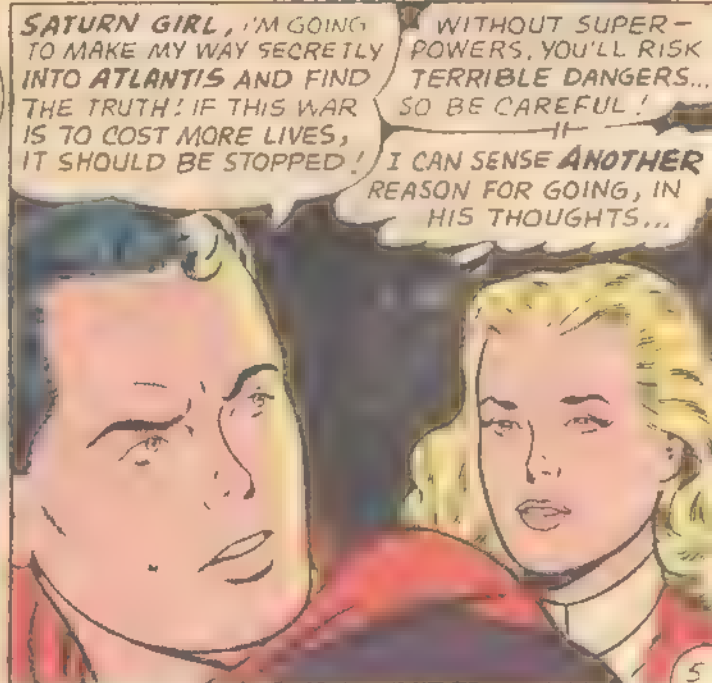
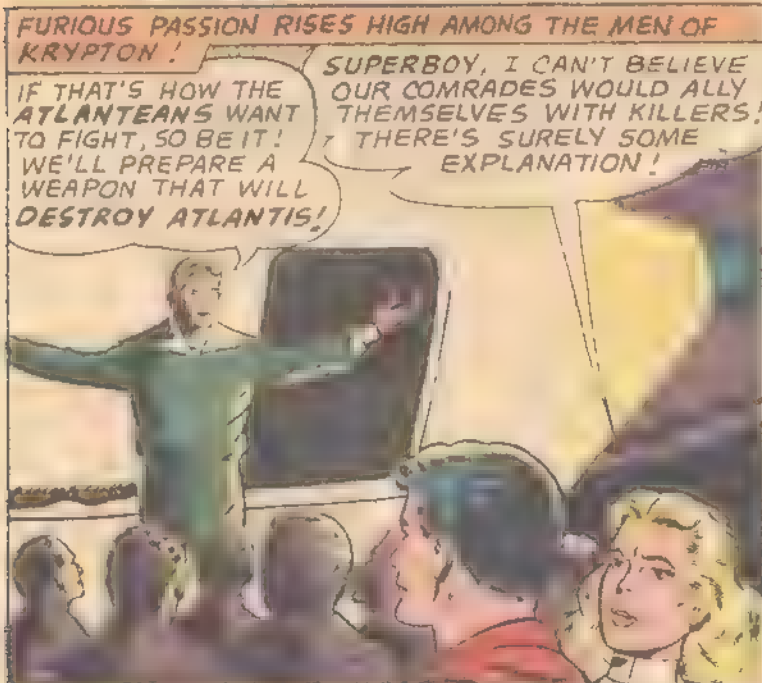
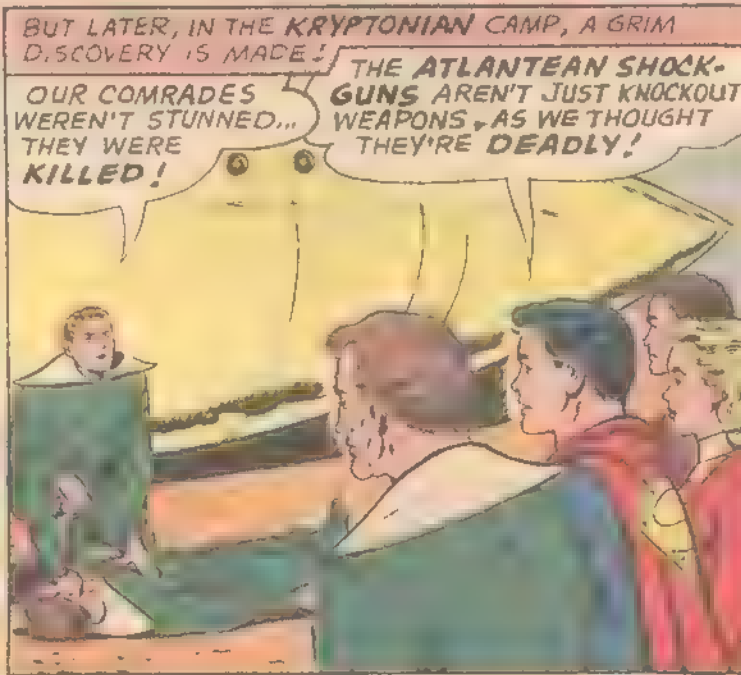
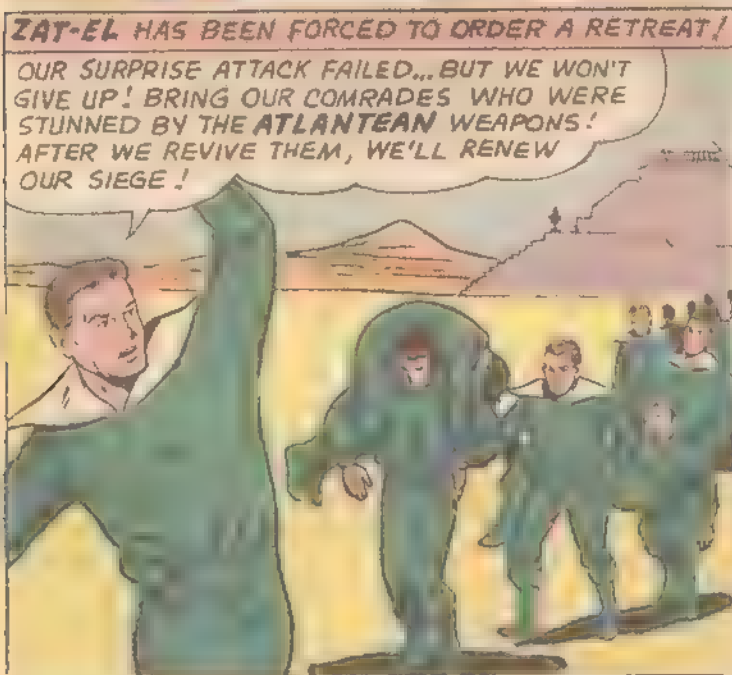
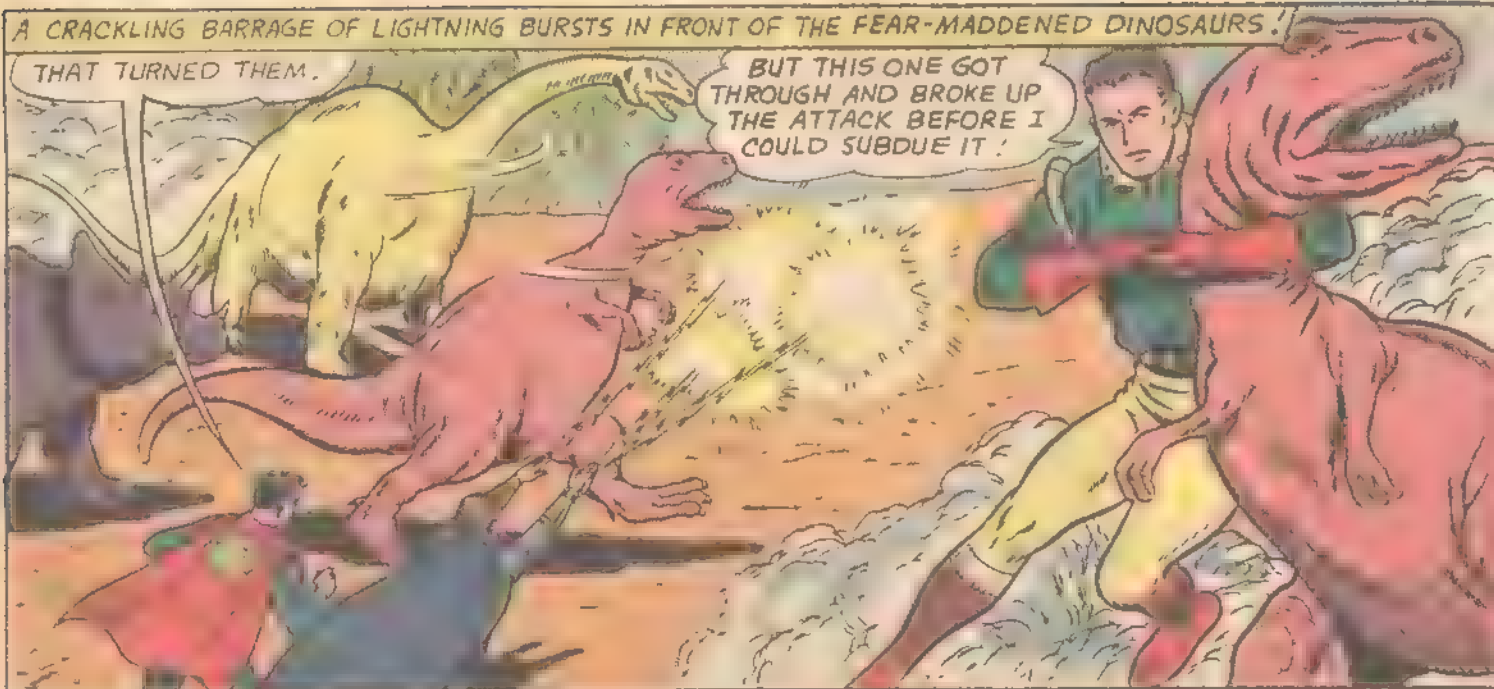


THE COLOSSAL BEASTS BREAK OUT OF THE FOREST IN THEIR PANIC!

THAT D'NO SAJR STAMPEDE HAS TO BE STOPPED...WITHOUT SUPER-STRENGTH, I CAN'T HALT IT BUT YOU CAN LIGHTNING LAD!

I'LL TRY





AND AS SUPERBOY SLIPS THROUGH THE NIGHT AND BEGINS HIS SECRET MISSION...

I NOT ONLY HAVE TO FIND OUT THE ATLANTEANS' PLANS... I MUST SEE LETA LAL AGAIN!



FORTUNATELY, A DARK OPENING LOOMS AHEAD!

THIS BIG STORM-DRAIN SHOULD LEAD ME INTO THE CITY!



BUT AS SUPERBOY APPROACHES ATLANTIS...

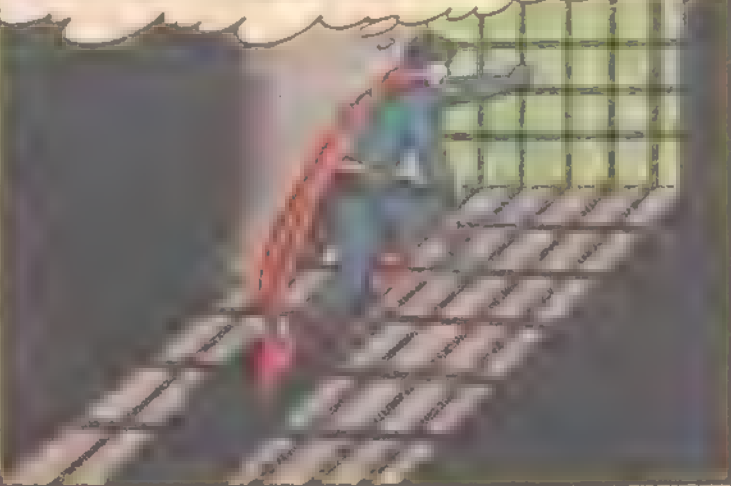
SOMEONE TRIED TO SNEAK INTO THE CITY... BUT MY SHOCK-GUN HIT HIM!

OW! MY RIGHT ARM IS HIT! IT'S NUMB, USELESS... I MUST GET UNDER COVER...



CR POLED, HALF-DRIZZED, THE ONE-TIME BOY OF STEEL CREEPS UPWARD BY DRAINS AND HIDDEN WAYS INTO THE MIGHTY CITY...

I'VE FOLLOWED THESE VENTILATION SHAFTS, PEERED INTO EVERY BUILDING, BUT I CAN'T FIND... WAIT... THERE SHE IS!

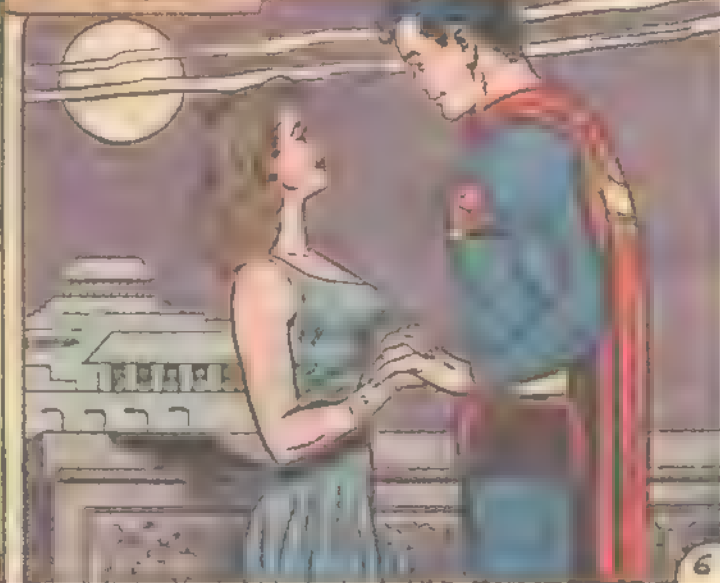


SUPERBOY! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE, INTO THE CITY OF YOUR ENEMIES! BUT WHAT'S HAPPENED?... YOU'RE HURT!

MY ARM IS NUMBED... THAT'S ALL... I HAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, LETA...



UNDER THE SHADOW OF A WORLD CATASTROPHE, THE TWO YOUNG PEOPLE FORGET ALL BUT THEMSELVES FOR A MOMENT!





ELSEWHERE IN THE CITY, **BRAINIAC 5** HAS DISCOVERED AN UNEXPECTED MENACE!

JHOR LAL, I'VE FOUND OUT WHY EARTH AIR IRRITATES YOU **ATLANTEANS** SO BADLY... THE ELEMENT **XENON** IN THIS ATMOSPHERE IS **POISONOUS** TO YOU, AND WILL KILL YOU, IN TIME!

THEN WE'RE DOOMED... FOR WE CAN'T RETURN TO **VRUUN**, FROM WHOSE CRUEL TYRANTS WE FLED!



THE BRILLIANT MIND OF **BRAINIAC 5** SUGGESTS AN ALTERNATIVE, AND AFTER HE HAS EXPLAINED IT TO **CHAMELEON BOY**...

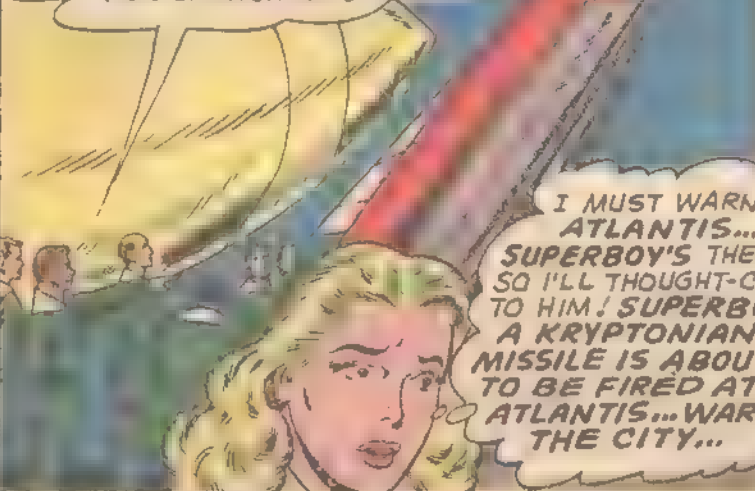
ARTIFICIAL EVOLUTION COULD MAKE YOU **ATLANTEANS** WATER-DWELLERS... AND IF YOU SANK YOUR CITY IN THE OCEAN, YOU COULD LIVE UNDERSEA! **CHAMELEON BOY** IS CHANGING HIMSELF TO SHOW WHAT YOU'D BE LIKE!

IT'S BETTER THAN ALL OF US PERISHING... WE'LL DO IT! WE'LL BECOME **MERMAN**!



BUT MEANWHILE, THE INFURIATED **KRYPTONIANS** HAVE PREPARED A MIGHTY WEAPON!

TO REVENGE OUR DEAD COMRADES, WE'LL **DESTROY ATLANTIS**! PREPARE OUR ATOMIC MISSILE FOR LAUNCHING!

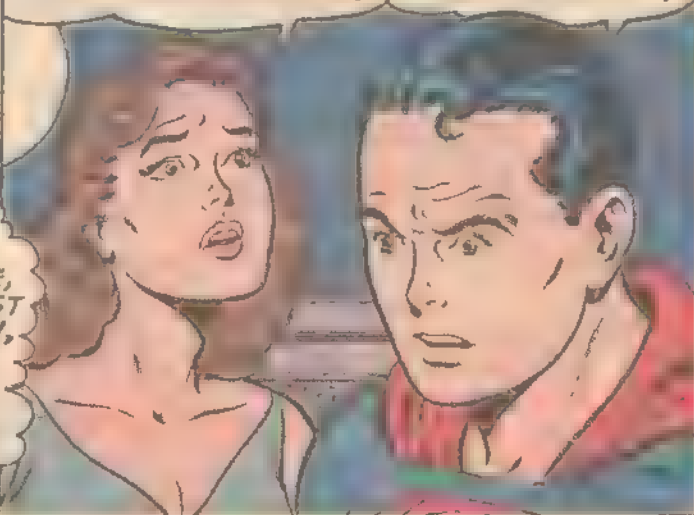


I MUST WARN **ATLANTIS**... **SUPERBOY**'S THERE, SO I'LL THOUGHT-CAST TO HIM! **SUPERBOY**, A **KRYPTONIAN** MISSILE IS ABOUT TO BE FIRED AT **ATLANTIS**... WARN THE CITY...

WHEN **SUPERBOY** RECEIVES THAT FATEFUL THOUGHT-MESSAGE AND TELLS **LETA** OF THE PERIL...

SUPERBOY... PLEASE... PLEASE PREVENT THIS CATASTROPHE... FOR ME!

I'LL DO MY BEST... WARN YOUR PEOPLE, **LETA**... HURRY!

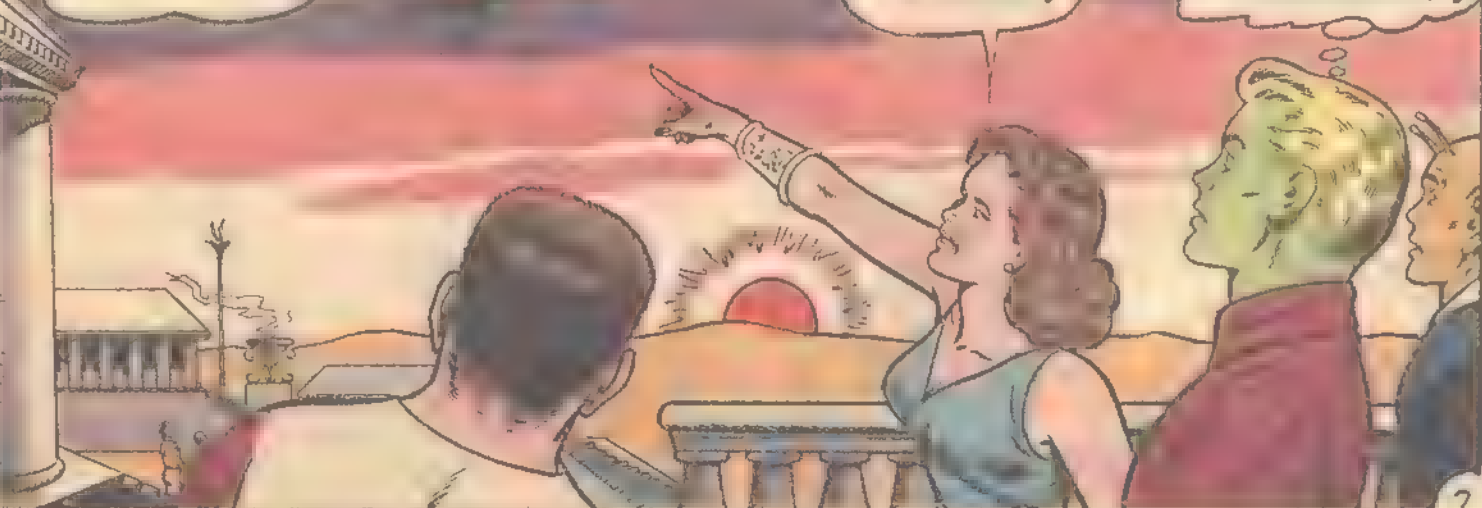


LATER, AS DAY BREAKS, A MESSENGER OF DEATH IS SUDDENLY HALTED!

I CAUGHT THE MISSILE ... I'LL TAKE IT AND EXPLODE IT HARMLESSLY ELSEWHERE!

SUPERBOY HAS SAVED US... I KNEW HE WOULD!

BUT HOW CAN **SUPERBOY** HAVE SUPER-POWERS, WHEN EARTH'S SUN IS RED? IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!





THE "IMPOSSIBLE" IS EXPLAINED WHEN THE DIVIDED LEGIONNAIRES GATHER TO TRY TO STOP THE WAR!

MON-EL! THEN **TRIPPLICATE GIRL** TOLD YOU OF OUR MISSION, AND YOU FLEW HERE, AT SUPER-SPEED, THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER!

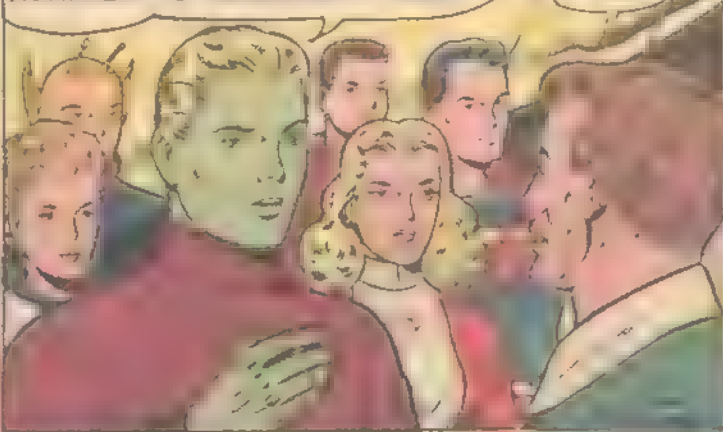
RIGHT...AND JUST IN TIME FOR MY SUPER-HEARING TO PICK UP A GIRL'S VOICE BEGGING **SUPERBOY** TO SAVE **ATLANTIS**! I BORROWED HIS COSTUME, TO MAKE IT SEEM HE CAUGHT THE MISSILE!



SOON, **BRAINIAC 5** EXPLAINS TO **ZAT-EL**...

THE **ATLANTEANS** DIDN'T INTEND TO KILL ANYONE! THEIR **SHOCK-GUNS** CAN ONLY STUN THEM! BUT, BECAUSE YOUR BODIES ARE DIFFERENT, THEY WERE DEADLY TO **YOU**! NOW THE **ATLANTEANS** ARE BECOMING ADAPTED TO UNDERSEA LIVING!

THEN THERE NEED BE NO FURTHER WAR BETWEEN US!



LATER, WHEN ARTIFICIAL EVOLUTION HAS TRANSFORMED THE **ATLANTEANS** INTO MER-FOLK, **STAR BOY** USES HIS POWER!

BY EXERTING ALL MY SUPER-POWER, I'M MAKING **ATLANTIS** SO **SUPER-HEAVY**, IT'S SINKING INTO THE SEA!

GOODBYE, **SUPERBOY**...
GOODBYE...

I'LL NEVER CHOKE!...
SEE HER AGAIN...



BUT, AS **SUPERMAN**, YOU'LL ONE DAY MEET **LETA LAL'S** DISTANT DESCENDANT...**LORI LEMARIS OF ATLANTIS**!

THE LEGIONNAIRES, NO LONGER DIVIDED, PREPARE TO RETURN TO THEIR OWN FUTURE AGE!

GOODBYE, LEGIONNAIRES. WE'RE GRATEFUL TO YOU. OUR COLONY WILL LIVE NOW...AND WE'RE CHISELING A ROCK CRYPT TO KEEP OUR RECORDS IN FOR ALL TIME!

GOODBYE, **ZAT-EL**!

WE'VE NOTED THE LOCATION OF THAT CRYPT! I'LL LOOK FOR IT WHEN I'M BACK IN MY OWN ERA.



BUT WHEN **SUPERBOY** RETURNS TO THE 20TH CENTURY AND DIGS DOWN TO THE LONG-BURIED CRYPT, HE FINDS

IT'S THEIR **LAST INSCRIPTION**, AND IT READS: "AFTER THE WAR, THERE WERE TOO FEW OF US LEFT! OUR GREAT TAME LIZARDS BECAME WILD AND ATTACKED US... OUR COLONY IS PERISHING!" SO THAT WAS THEIR FATE BUT I'LL NEVER FORGET THE **LOST COLONY OF KRYPTON**!



THE
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SUPERBOY

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HALL OF FAME
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FROM THE VERY FIRST MOMENT THAT MA AND PA KENT DISCOVERED THEIR FOSTER-SON, **SUPERBOY**, HAD FANTASTIC SUPER-POWERS, THEY DETERMINED TO INSTILL WITHIN HIM A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY! FOR A **BOY OF STEEL** WITHOUT A STRONG SENSE OF HONOR WOULD BE A MENACE, RATHER THAN A BLESSING, TO MANKIND! BUT ONE FATEFUL DAY, IN SMALLVILLE, **SUPERBOY** JUNKS HIS CODE OF HONOR AND BEHAVES UNETHICALLY, THUS BECOMING...

The SPOILED SUPERBOY!

SUPERBOY! STOP WINNING EVERY CONTEST IN TOWN WITH YOUR SUPER-POWERS! IT'S UNFAIR TO THE OTHER CONTESTANTS! IT'S DISHONORABLE! IT'S...



YOU'RE BREAKING MY HEART, MAYOR! I'LL CRY ALL THE WAY TO THE BANK!

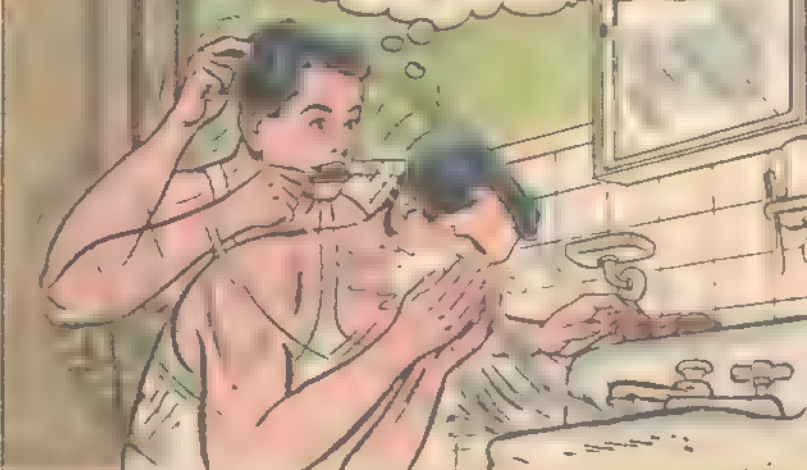
ONE MORNING, IN SMALLVILLE, CLARK [SUPER-BOY] KENT AWAKENS TO DISCOVER...

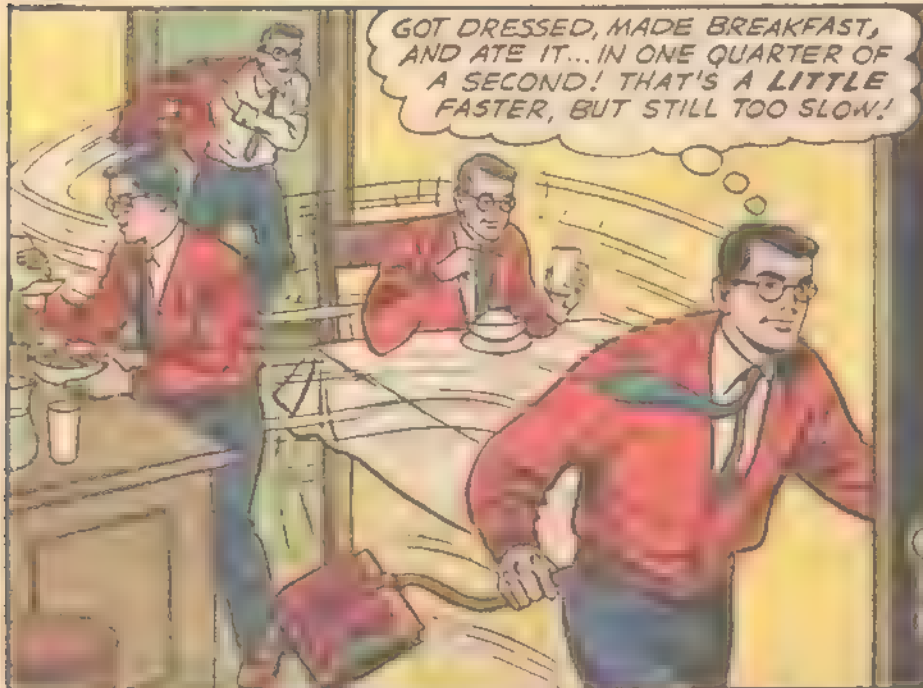
OMIGOSH! MY ALARM CLOCK FAILED TO RING! I HAVE ONLY SECONDS TO GET TO SCHOOL!



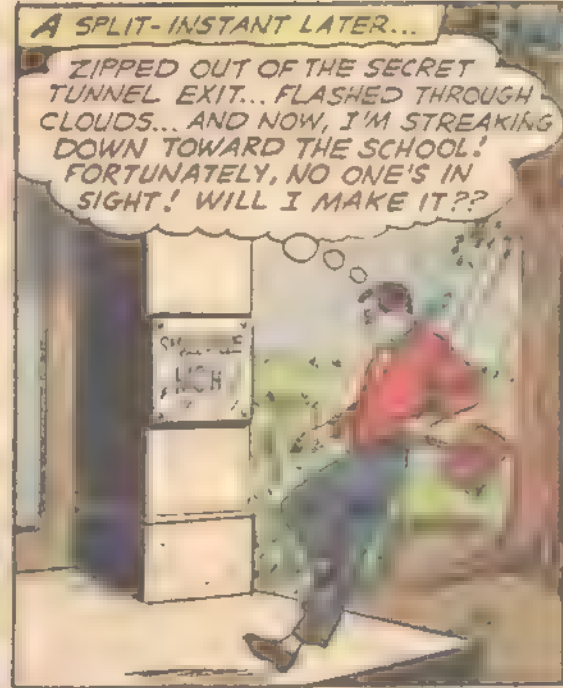
EXCITEDLY CLARK EXPLODES INTO BLURRING SUPER-SPEED...

COMBED MY HAIR... WASHED MY FACE... BRUSHED MY TEETH... IN ONE SECOND FLAT! THAT'S TOO SLOW! IF I DON'T STOP BEING SUCH A SLOWPOKE, I'LL BE LATE!

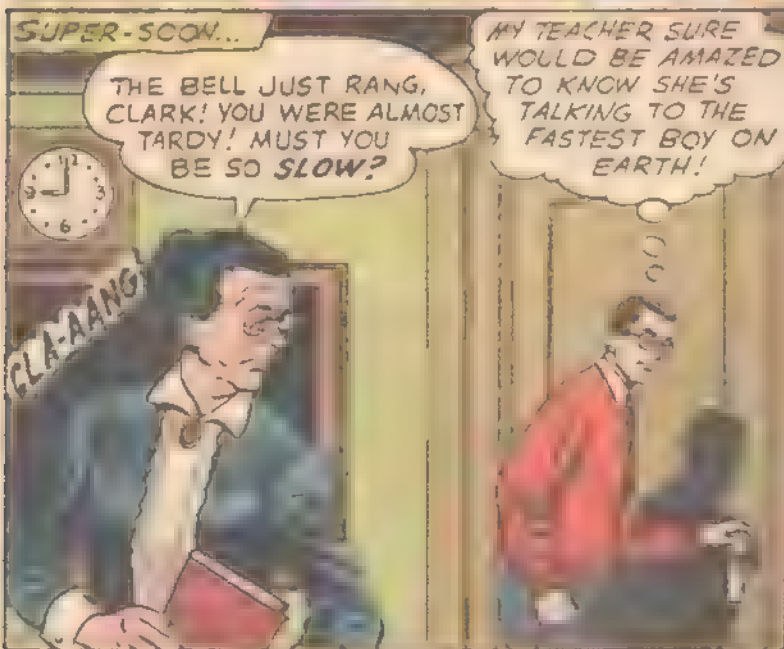




GOT DRESSED, MADE BREAKFAST, AND ATE IT... IN ONE QUARTER OF A SECOND! THAT'S A LITTLE FASTER, BUT STILL TOO SLOW!



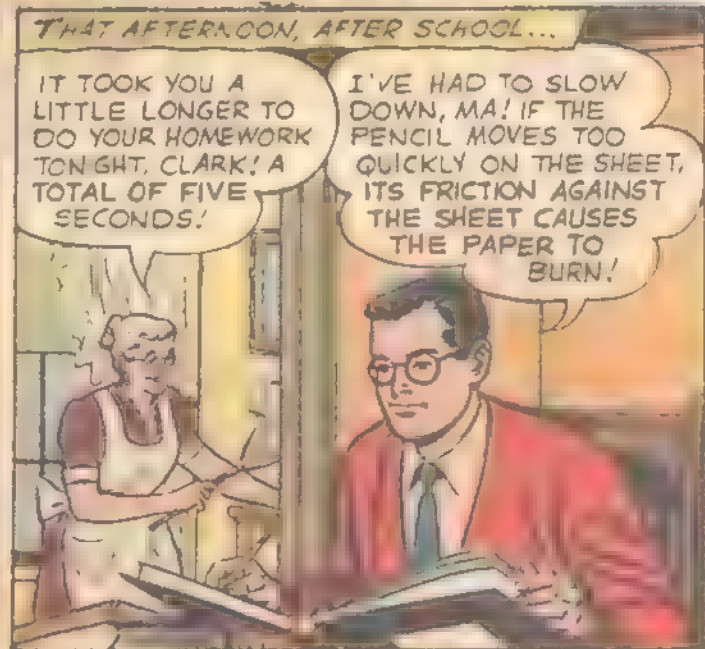
A SPLIT-INSTANT LATER... ZIPPED OUT OF THE SECRET TUNNEL EXIT... FLASHED THROUGH CLOUDS... AND NOW, I'M STREAKING DOWN TOWARD THE SCHOOL! FORTUNATELY, NO ONE'S IN SIGHT! WILL I MAKE IT??



SUPER-SOON...

THE BELL JUST RANG, CLARK! YOU WERE ALMOST TARDY! MUST YOU BE SO SLOW?

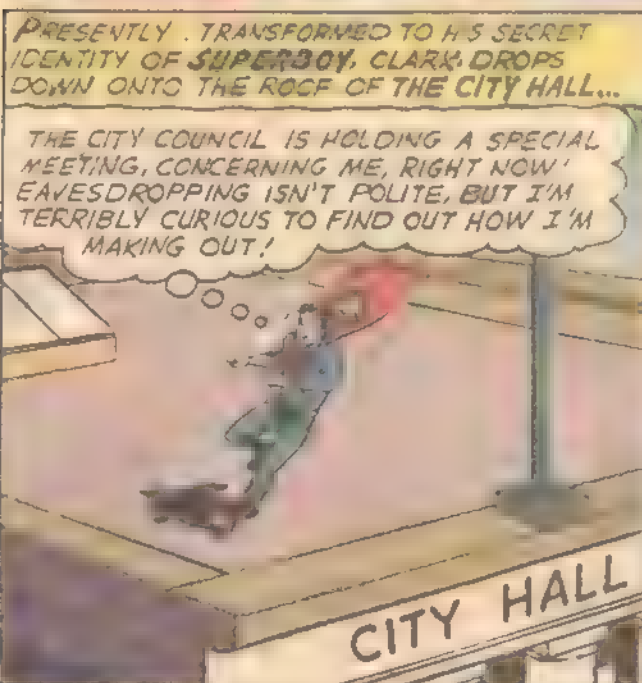
MY TEACHER SURE WOULD BE AMAZED TO KNOW SHE'S TALKING TO THE FASTEST BOY ON EARTH!



THAT AFTERNOON, AFTER SCHOOL...

IT TOOK YOU A LITTLE LONGER TO DO YOUR HOMEWORK TONIGHT, CLARK! A TOTAL OF FIVE SECONDS!

I'VE HAD TO SLOW DOWN, MA! IF THE PENCIL MOVES TOO QUICKLY ON THE SHEET, ITS FRICTION AGAINST THE SHEET CAUSES THE PAPER TO BURN!



PRESENTLY, TRANSFORMED TO HIS SECRET IDENTITY OF **SUPERBOY**, CLARK DROPS DOWN ONTO THE ROOF OF THE CITY HALL...

THE CITY COUNCIL IS HOLDING A SPECIAL MEETING, CONCERNING ME, RIGHT NOW! EAVESDROPPING ISN'T POLITE, BUT I'M TERRIBLY CURIOUS TO FIND OUT HOW I'M MAKING OUT!



WHAT THE **BOY OF STEEL'S** TELESCOPIC X-RAY VISION, AND SUPER-HEARING, REVEAL.

AS SMALLVILLE'S POLICE CHIEF I HEARTILY RECOMMEND THAT **SUPERBOY** BE MADE AN HONORARY DEPUTY OF THE LAW!

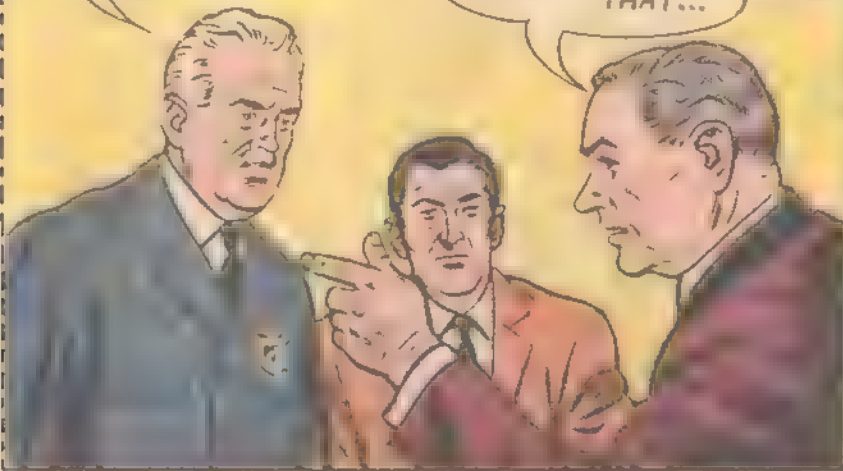
AND I, AS PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE URGENTLY DEMAND THAT THE MOTION BE **REJECTED!!!**

CITY HALL

SWANSON, **SUPERBOY** HAS BEEN A GREAT AID TO LAW AND ORDER IN THIS TOWN, FOR YEARS! HE'S CAPTURED CROOKS, SPEEDERS, ESCAPED CONVICTS...

TRUE, CHIEF PARKER! BUT DESPITE ALL HIS SUPER-POWERS, **SUPERBOY** IS JUST A...ER... KID! IF WE WERE TO MAKE HIM A **DEPUTY**, HOW DO WE KNOW THAT...

... A BADGE WOULDN'T TURN HIS HEAD? SUPPOSING HE BEGAN ARRESTING EVERYONE, RIGHT AND LEFT? WHAT IF HE BECAME A BULLY AND ABUSED HIS POWERS? IT WOULD BE **OUR** FAULT, FOR PINNING A BADGE ON HIM!



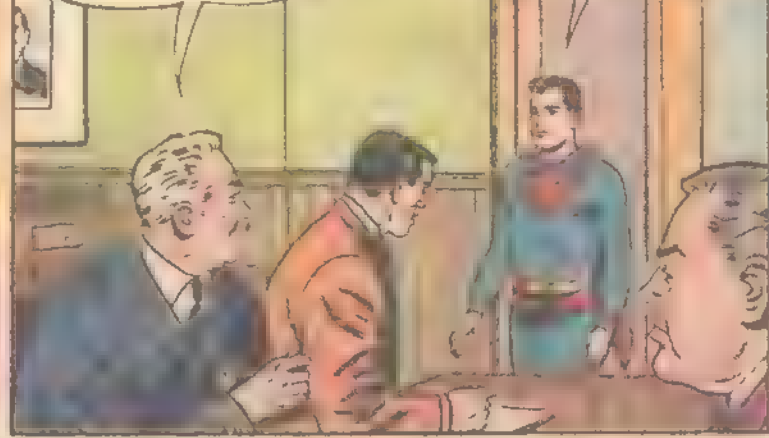
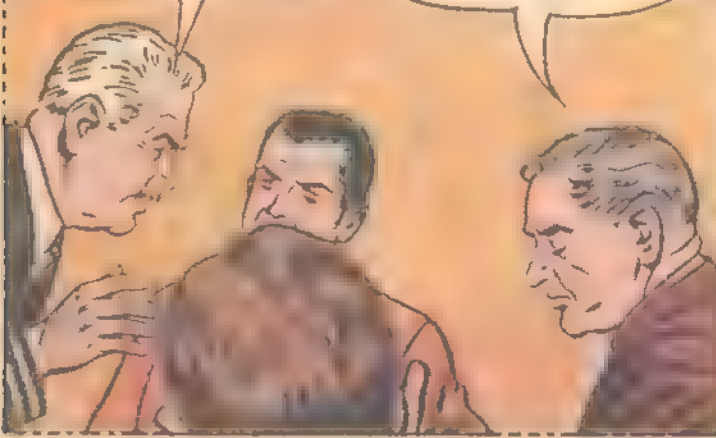
I KNOW THAT BOY'S CHARACTER, SWANSON! I'D BE WILLING TO BET EVERYTHING THAT HE WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING DISHONORABLE!

I'M AFRAID WE CAN'T RISK THE SAFETY OF THIS TOWN ON YOUR HUNCHES, CHIEF PARKER! LET'S PUT IT TO A VOTE!

MINUTES LATER...

SUPERBOY...ABOUT THAT HONORARY DEPUTY BADGE...I - I'M AFRAID I HAVE BAD NEWS FOR YOU...

DON'T BOTHER TELLING ME! I OVERHEARD WITH MY SUPER-POWERS, AND I KNOW EVERY WORD THAT WAS SAID...

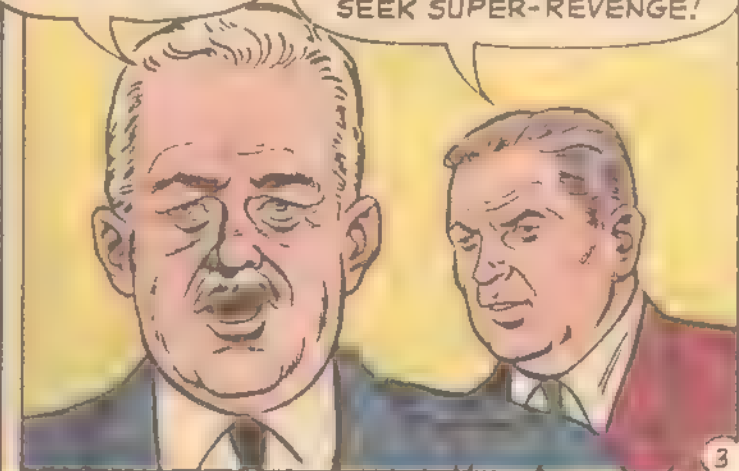
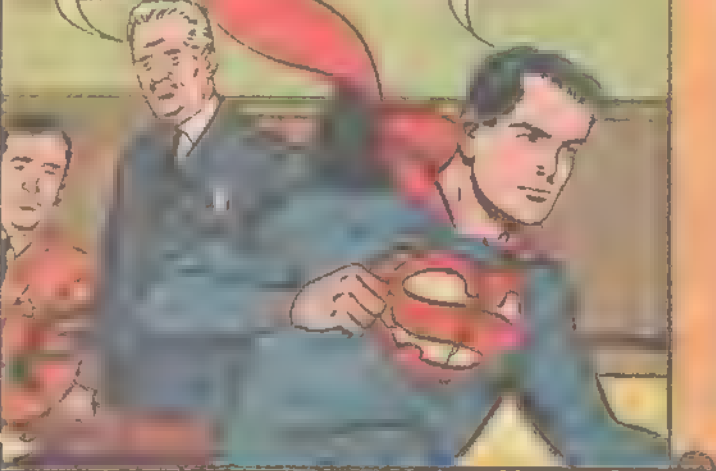


MY REQUEST TO GIVE THE BADGE TO YOU WAS TURNED DOWN! BUT... PERHAPS SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE...

IF THE CITY COUNCIL THINKS I MIGHT SOME DAY MISUSE MY SUPER-POWERS, IT'S MY TOUGH LUCK! GOODBYE!

HMM... WE HURT **SUPERBOY'S** FEELINGS! AND AFTER ALL HE'S DONE FOR THIS TOWN! I...FEEL LIKE A HEEL...

STOP FEELING SORRY FOR YOURSELF, CHIEF EDWARDS! I DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY HE SULKED! YOU'D BETTER KEEP A SHARP EYE ON HIM! A KID WITH SUPER-POWERS CAN SEEK SUPER-REVENGE!



GOSSIP TRAVELS FAST, ESPECIALLY IN A TINY TOWN LIKE SMALLVILLE...

THEY SAY **SUPERBOY** IS MIGHTY PEEVED AT THE CITY COUNCIL! DO YOU THINK HE WILL TRY TO GET EVEN WITH THE TOWN?

SUPERBOY? NOT THAT KID! HE DOES NOTHING BUT GOOD DEEDS!



BUT, AT THAT VERY MOMENT...

Y-YOU WANT TO FIGHT THE "KILLER?" BUT **SUPERBOY**...

DON'T ARGUE! THE SIGN SAYS "ANYONE," AND THAT INCLUDES **ME**! DO YOU LET ME FIGHT YOUR MAN, OR DO I CALL THE POLICE TO CLOSE YOUR SHOW FOR FALSE ADVERTISING?



\$500 PRIZE
TO ANYONE WHO
CAN KNOCK OUT
"KILLER" BRIGGS
IN 3 MINUTES
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AND SO...

THIS IS YOUR BIG CHANCE, "KILLER"! KNOCK OUT **SUPERBOY** AND YOU'LL BE THE HOTTEST NAME IN THE FIGHT RACKET!

PANT! PANT! I'M TRYIN'... BUT HE WON'T FALL DOWN! PANT! EVERYTIME I GIVE 'IM MY FAMOUS **DYNAMITE PUNCH**, HE JUST SNICKERS!



TCH! TCH! POOR FELLOW! YOU'RE SO EXHAUSTED, I'LL PUT YOU OUT OF YOUR MISERY WITH A LIGHT TAP!



SHORTLY...

\$500! THANK YOU KINDLY!

YOU'RE NOT KIDDING US, **SUPERBOY**! YOU'RE USING YOUR SUPER-POWERS FOR YOUR OWN SELFISH PURPOSES!

BOO! HISS!



AT AN EMERGENCY SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL...

I ADMIT "KILLER" DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST **SUPERBOY**, BUT...

SUPERBOY WASN'T AFTER JUST A PRIZE! HE KNOWS THIS IS "SHOP IN SMALLVILLE WEEK!" AND HE KNOWS, TOO, THAT THE **CITY COUNCIL** IS COOPERATING WITH THE TOWN'S MERCHANTS IN A VARIETY OF PROMOTIONAL CONTESTS...



THAT BOY IS USING HIS SUPER-POWERS TO STRIKE BACK AT THE CITY COUNCIL, JUST BECAUSE WE REFUSED HIM A BADGE! BY WINNING MANY OF THE CONTESTS WE SPONSOR, HE WILL MAKE SMALLVILLE, AND US, APPEAR RIDICULOUS!

I... HOPE YOU'RE WRONG, SWANSON...

MEANWHILE, AT THE SMALLVILLE RADIO STATION...

HEY! YOU'RE FILLING OUT **HUNDREDS** OF COUPONS, IN SECONDS! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?

JUST GREEDY, I GUESS!

VALUABLE PRIZE!

SIGN COUPONS HERE... ENTER ALL YOU WISH! IF YOUR COUPON IS DRAWN, YOU WILL PLAY **"WIN WITH YOUR WITS QUIZ"**

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PRESENTLY...

SUPERBOY WINS! NO WONDER HIS COUPON WAS DRAWN! PRACTICALLY EVERY COUPON HAD **HIS** NAME ON IT!

THAT WAS A SELFISH STUNT! I'LL GET RID OF HIM QUICKLY WITH A SUPER-TOUGH QUESTION!

WHAT IS THE EXACT HEIGHT OF THE EIFFEL TOWER?

A FRACTION OF AN INSTANT LATER, A COSTUMED FIGURE BUSILY FLASHES TO PARIS, AND HURTTLES UPWARD, AT SUPER-SPEED, WITH A SPECIAL TAPE-MEASURE SECURED FROM HIS TROPHY ROOM...

HOW TO WIN A QUIZ CONTEST, THE HARD WAY!

SUPER-SUPER-SOON... AFTER AN INCREDIBLY SWIFT RETURN FLIGHT...

THE ENTIRE TRIP OCCURRED AT SUCH SUPER-SPEED, NO ONE WITNESSED MY ABSENCE!

GASP! E RIGHT! YOU WIN THE 45-VOLUME ENCYCLOPEDIA SET!

HOW HE KNEW THE ANSWER, I'LL NEVER KNOW!

984 1/4 FEET!

AT THE CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY SESSION...

SUPERBOY MUST HAVE WON THAT RADIO QUIZ WITH A SUPER-TRICK! WHAT IF HE NOW TRIES TO BECOME RICH BY SQUEEZING LUMPS OF COAL INTO A BUSHEFUL OF DIAMONDS?

HE WON'T! LIKE I SAID, IT'S **REVENGE**, NOT **WEALTH**, HE'S AFTER! HE'S WINNING EVERY CONTEST IN TOWN SPONSORED BY THE CITY COUNCIL JUST TO RUIN OUR "SHOP IN SMALLVILLE WEEK" CAMPAIGN!

IS THIS ACCUSATION TRUE? MINUTES LATER...

SUPERBOY! PLEASE DON'T ENTER THE CONTEST! IF YOU ENTER, YOU'RE SURE TO WIN!

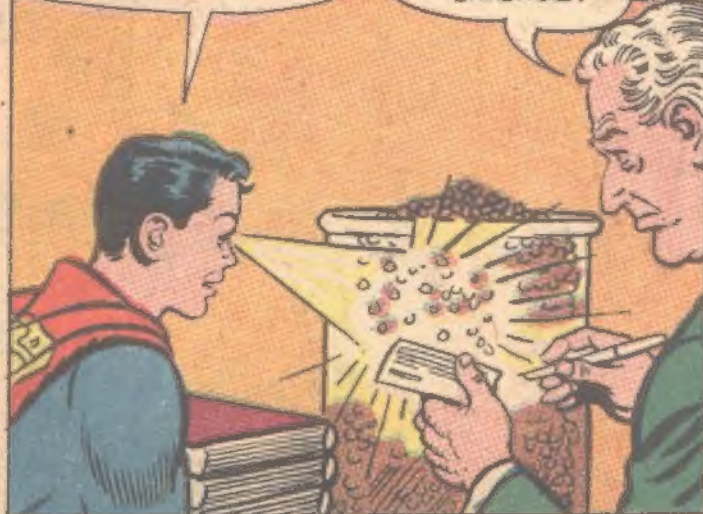
OH, SO YOU WANT TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ME, EH?

GUESS
CORRECT
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and WIN a
New CAR
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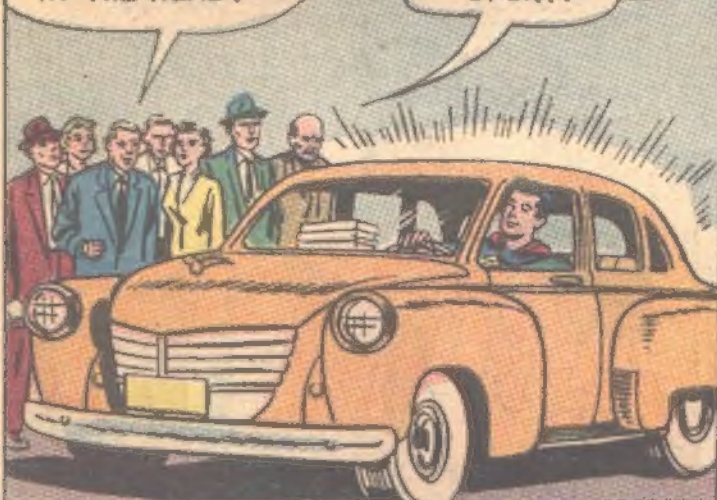
WELL, I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH IT! ... MY X-RAY VISION REVEALS THE CORRECT ANSWER IS 6,231 PEAS! RIGHT?!

!GROAN! R-RIGHT! TH-THE CAR IS YOURS! ... SIGN HERE, FOR THE HONORARY DRIVER'S LICENSE!



SUPERBOY DOESN'T NEED A CAR! HE CAN FLY! HE NEEDS A NEW AUTO LIKE A HOLE IN THE HEAD!

HE JUST WANTED TO SHOW UP THE REST OF US! **SUPERBOY** HAS TURNED INTO A SELFISH SPOIL-SPORT!



MINUTES LATER...

HEY! COME DOWN HERE, AND PAY A TOLL-FEE FOR THAT CAR, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!

SILLY MAN! WHY SHOULD I PAY A FIFTY-CENT TOLL-FEE, WHEN I CAN FLY MY CAR OVER THE BRIDGE, FOR FREE??



PRESENTLY...

!PS-ST! HEY, BOSS! HERE COMES THE 1,000,000TH CUSTOMER NOW!

WE'RE IN LUCK! SHE'S OLD AND FEEBLE! SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO CARRY OFF MUCH!

1,000,000TH
CUSTOMER TO ENTER
OUR DEPARTMENT
STORE CAN LEAVE
WITH ALL THE
MERCHANDISE HE
(OR SHE) CAN
CARRY! CONTEST
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SUDDENLY, A STREAKING FORM FLASHES IN BEFORE THE ELDERLY WOMAN...

!GASP! CORRECTION! OUR 1,000,000TH CUSTOMER IS... !SOB! ...**SUPERBOY!**

MY, WHAT A GENEROUS OFFER!

I SAW THE SIGN WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION, AND OVER-HEARD THEIR CONVERSATION WITH MY SUPER-HEARING!



